

FISH STORY A SWEEP HOLD.

No Receipts For the Past Twenty-Four Hours.

There have been no arrivals here with fish the past 24 hours, and the torches failed to bring over any bait. The shore boats all went out, but the wind sprang up heavy, just after daylight, and it will be no fish day. A few may chance a set, but many of the boats were seen coming back this forenoon.

The arrivals are as follows:

Today's Arrivals.

Sch. Washakie, via Boston.
Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.
Sch. Motor, shore.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, via Boston.
Sch. Hope, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Smuggler, Newfoundland herring trip.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.
Sch. Rebecca, shore.
Sch. Minerva, shore.
Sch. Yankee, shore.
Sch. Matiana, shore.
Sch. Galatea, shore.
Sch. Seaconnet, shore.
Sch. Stranger, shore.
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, shore.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shore.
Sch. Valentinna, shore.
Sch. Emily Sears, pollocking.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut 12c per lb.
Board of trade prices:
Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.25.
Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.
Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

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HALIBUT SOLD AT 39 CTS. PER LB.

Small Lot Brought Fancy Price at T Wharf.

One of the off-shore fleet, three pollockers and two of the shore fishing fleet are all that mustered to the Friday call of the T wharf dealers this morning. Fares ran small and prices are still good.

Sch. Terra Nova, from the eastward, had 30,000 pounds of halibut and the dealers ran these up to the more than fancy figures of 39 cents per pound.

The surprise at T wharf yesterday was given by the little schooner Eliza A. Benner, Capt. Horace Hillman. Both are known at the wharf, but neither was expected in such weather as the fishermen have had recently. The Benner and her captain hail from Edgartown, Nantucket, and no one expected that a little 14-ton schooner would attempt to round the cape in December weather.

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But Capt. Hillman saw a chance to make some of the money he recently paid for the Benner, if he could strike the Boston market while prices were still high. He talked the matter over with the five young men who form his crew, and they agreed to try. They fished for two days, and Wednesday started off Sankaty Head to make the run for Boston.

It was a rough trip, and the little schooner had to fight her way up, and if she had not been provided with a 20-horse power engine, she probably would still be fighting with the winds. When Capt. Hillman announced at the exchange that he had 20,000 pounds of fish, the buyers looked incredulous, and it was not until the captain sold 18,000 pounds of haddock, 2000 pounds of cod, 200 pounds of pollock, and 200 pounds of hake, that he was believed. The venture will stock the little vessel more than she has ever made before in one trip, and will give the men a big share.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Volant, 8000 pollock.
Sch. Terra Nova, 15,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 6000 cusk, 400 halibut.
Sch. Pauline, 14,000 pollock.
Sch. Good Luck, 8500 pollock.
Sch. Athena, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 6000 pollock.
Steamer Quoddy, 1000 cod.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks.
Haddock, \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50; market cod, \$3; cusk, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.85; halibut, 39 cts. per lb.

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THE COLD FACTS OF IT.

Now that the excitement of municipal election is passed, it behooves our business men and citizens generally to consider the communication of Manager Edward J. Livingston, of the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company, which appeared in the Times of Saturday last, and which has already become quite a topic of serious conversation.

There is much in the article which is put in the manager's pointblank way of going right at things, while considerable is left to inference. In certain important sections there is much to read "between the lines." The portions left to inference, as well as those between the lines, are not at all hard to see, if one cares to see them. The whole local fresh fish situation is carefully summed up, conditions past and present are laid bare, future conditions are discussed and nothing is omitted; in short, the people of Gloucester are told, and plainly enough, too, that there is grave danger of the company giving up its Gloucester plant and removing wholly to Boston, where it now has a flourishing branch. Or, in other words, a business, which gives the only present competition to T wharf, is facing the fact that unless more vessels land fresh fish at this port, it will be forced to leave its home and make what is now its branch the sole headquarters, thereby losing to the city a \$500 a week pay roll, as well as removing practically the last hope of an increased fresh fish business at this port.

Manager Livingston shows plainly that he and the directors of the company are not opposed to the establishment here of branch houses of present Boston fish concerns, but on the contrary would gladly welcome them, even to the extent of letting to them a part of its plant, the finest fresh fish outfit in the country today, and as such admitted everywhere.

Then the poser comes; where will they all get the fish from to work with when not enough, not anywhere near enough, comes in here now to even supply the wants of the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company? That this statement is true is evidenced by the fact that Manager Livingston has had to buy fares in Boston, in Boston vessels, and have the crafts towed down here to take out in order to get fish to work with. This is not a bluff or an exaggeration; it is a solid fact, already evident to some.

The lease of the present quarters expires in 1911, and, as Manager Livingston says in his communication, the directors are doubting the advisability of tying the company up to another five years lease of the place and already have the refusal of a place

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outside of this city. The directors realize that their branch house at Boston is a good thing and have found out also that they can do all their business in that city and that there is no trouble in getting all the fish there that they need for their trade, and also, (a most important point) the business can be done there a great deal cheaper than under present conditions, considering the small amount of fish secured here to work with.

Manager Livingston well says that with the directors so seriously considering the advisability of removing from here, simply because they cannot get fish fares enough here to work with, now is the time to act, and that if Gloucester wants a part of the fresh fish business she has got to hustle to get it. He also says get the vessels here, let the branch houses of the Boston concerns come if they care to and welcome them; sell every trip at auction to the highest bidder and right at the Board of Trade rooms if necessary. In short he says, do something and do it soon, if not the whole opportunity of having even the semblance of a fresh fish business here may pass for keeps. The directors of the company stand ready to continue business here and even increase the capital if the right encouragement is given.

And what is the right encouragement?

Simply this; In order for the company to remain in business here, in order to encourage other fresh fish concerns to come here or keep up branch houses here, more fresh fish fares must be landed here.

What are the conditions? Sailing out of this port at present, engaged in the winter haddock fishery, are no less than 16 Gloucester vessels. A few, and unfortunately a very few of these crafts, only about four, land their trips here regularly. Once in a great while some of the others may drop in here, perhaps once in a season, with a fare. Some never come here.

The glitter and glamor and excitement of selling at T wharf and the exploded fallacy that off-shore craft fare better there in the run of a season is the chief drawback to many crafts coming here, notwithstanding the fact that the skippers and crews who make as much, or more money than the majority of the regulars coming here, are few or none, in the off-shore fishery.

What is the solution?

The solution is in the hands of the vessel owners and skippers of Gloucester. The whole thing rests in their hands. On them finally comes the responsibility of saying whether or no Gloucester shall continue on the map as a fresh fish landing place, whether the fresh fish business of the place shall increase or pass out of existence, and whether we shall soon see the spectacle of a home formed and owned concern with "Gloucester Fresh Fish Company" on its letter heads and business cards and "Boston" on the same, as its place of doing business.

The solution is plain; what will the answer be?

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Irish Mackerel Fishery.

A letter to the Times from Sidney Gott, formerly of this city, who has for a number of years been engaged in the Irish mackerel business at Seacombe, Ireland, under date of November 27, says that the weather has been very cold there thus far this season for this time of the year. There has been practically no mackerel fishing on the Irish coast for the last two weeks, and the total autumn catch will not exceed 32,000 barrels. The quality has been exceptionally good and the fish run very even in size.

Will Have New Schooner.

Designer McManus of Boston is at work on lines for a new up-to-date fishing vessel to be built by the Cunningham & Thompson Company for Capt. John McKinnon one of the leading master mariners of the port, whose specialty is mackerel seining. The lines have not yet been decided upon, but the craft is expected to show the best endeavors of designer and builder and will be fitted in the most approved manner.

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Had Only 400 Pounds of Halibut.

There's an awful difference between selling 30,000 pounds of halibut at 39 cents per pound and selling 400 pounds at the same figure. The latter is what actually happened to sch. Terra Nova at T wharf yesterday: the former is what the slipping of a line in the Times types made us say yesterday. The vessel had 30,000 pounds of fresh mixed fish and 400 pounds of the high priced halibut.

Shipwrecked Crew On Way Home.

Capt. Henry Arsenault and eight members of the crew of the sch. Henry M. Stanley of this port, recently wrecked at Bay of Islands, N. F., arrived at Halifax yesterday from Bay of Islands, N. F. They were provided with a complete outfit of clothing by United States Consul Kehl of Sydney, who is sending the men to their homes here.

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Will Be Launched Monday.

The pretty knockabout market fishing schooner, which John Bishop has been building at his Vincent Point yard for Boston parties, will be launched at high water Monday. The new craft has been named Gladys and Nellie, and will be commanded by Capt. Frank Watts, now of sch. Seaconnet.

Fish Arrivals at Portland.

Schs. Eva and Mildred, Lochinvar and Albert D. Willard, the latter with 2000 lbs. of fresh fish, were at Portland Thursday.

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**ONE HADDOCKER
CAME AT NOON.****Boats Find It Too Rough to
Fish Today.**

From Thursday morning up to this noon, when sch. Rex arrived with a trip of 50,000 pounds of haddock, there has not been an arrival at this port with fish, and the harbor is a very dull place indeed, the only activity being the dodging in and out of the market boats in an ineffectual attempt to get a set and the taking out of the salt herring cargoes.

Last night it blew hard, very hard indeed, and the market boats did not make a move from the wharves, but this morning early, it began to let up and some of the craft got underway and went out to have a look at it, while the majority decided to stay snug and play it safe at their warps.

Thus far this week there have been but three arrivals at this port with fish fares to be landed here, which is about as dull a state of affairs as can be imagined.

The shore boats which went out this morning soon came back as it was blowing hard outside and no chance to do any fishing, a rough sea is running. Some of the captains report that the wind outside is as heavy as at any time this winter.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Rex, shore, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon, shore.
Sch. Matiana, shore.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.
Sch. Hope, shore.
Sch. Theresa and Alice, shore.
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, shore.
Sch. Seaconnet, shore.
Sch. Buema, shore.
Sch. Esther Gray, shore.
Br. sch. Minnie M. Cook, Lunenburg, N. S.
Sch. Pauline, pollocking.
Sch. Actor, pollocking.

Today's Fish Market.

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Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.25.
Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.
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Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Arkona was at North Sydney, C. B., yesterday, bound for Bay of Islands, N. F.

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**POLLOCKERS AND
SHORE BOATS.****Only Six Fish Trips at Boston
This Morning.**

Just an even half dozen is T wharf's count of fish trips this morning—three pollockers and three shore boats. Two of the pollockers have good fares, 15,000 pounds each, and sch. Eugenia of the shore fleet has 23,000 pounds of cod, haddock, etc., and are in right for good returns.

The steamer Quoddy is there with her daily trip, the bad weather not holding her back any, while sch. Marguerite is over from Plymouth way with a paying catch. Sch. Blanche F. Irving has a small pollock catch while schs. Appomattox and Ralph Russell have good fares of the same kind of fish.

Prices hold fine and the chances are that Monday will see a corking market. The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Ralph Russell, 15,000 pollock.
Sch. Appomattox, 15,000 pollock.
Sch. Eugenia, 8000 haddock, 8000 cod, 4000 cusk, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Marguerite, 2500 cod.
Steamer Quoddy, 2000 cod.
Haddock, \$4.10 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$2.50; cusk, \$1.50; pollock, \$2.00 to \$2.15.

THREATENS LOBSTER SUPPLY.**Canadians Object to Americans Fishing Outside Three Mile Limit.**

The subject of American fishermen catching lobsters outside the three mile limit, but directly off the fishing grounds of the Nova Scotia coast, has attracted much interest and comment, and Mr. Law, M. P., has drawn the attention of Prof. Prince, commissioner of fisheries, to the matter, and has pressed him to take the matter up with the International Fisheries Commission, of which he is a member.

Mr. Law has received the following reply:

Ottawa, Nov. 30, 1909.

Dear Mr. Law:—When you called on the 27th instant at my office, and urged upon the Department the necessity for some effective steps to meet the grave question of the threatened depletion of lobsters off the western waters of Nova Scotia by United States fishing boats, I was convinced that the matter is one of serious consequence to our lobster fishermen. These operations by United States fishermen, being carried on outside the three mile limit, presents a great difficulty; but it seems to me to be so grave a matter that if it is at all possible, the International Fisheries Commission ought to consider it.

I am very much obliged by your urging it upon the Department's attention. I am,

Yours faithfully,

Edward E. Prince.

B. B. Law, Esq., M. P., House of Commons.

A Yarmouth, N. S., exchange, in commenting on the matter says:

"We trust that Mr. Law's active interest in this matter may result in the practice being stopped, which will be hailed with pleasure by all our fishermen along the coasts."

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**MORE FISH THAN
ALL LAST WEEK.****Torchers Still Unable to Secure Fresh Bait.**

This morning finds more fish at this port than was brought in all last week. Since last report five vessels have arrived with fares, three having salt herring cargoes, one down from Boston with a few fish to split, and one from Western bank with a good fare of fresh cod and haddock. The torchers did nothing Saturday night or Sunday night, so fresh bait is not forthcoming.

The three crafts with salt herring, are schs. Catherine Burke, Senator Gardner and Alice R. Lawson, all from Bonne Bay, N. F., and the English sch. Strathcona, also bound here, herring laden from Bonne Bay, is looked for before tomorrow morning. The fare of sch. Catherine Burke was sold to arrive to the L. Pickert Co. of Boston and the vessel has gone up there to discharge.

From Western bank are schs. Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. James H. Goodwin, with between 60,000 and 65,000 pounds of fresh cod and haddock, the latter greatly predominating, which sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company, and the Smith and sch. Rex, which arrived Saturday, will make good stocks.

The fare of sch. Rex at this port, which arrived from Western Bank on Saturday just before noon with 60,000 pounds fresh fish, was sold to the new concern, Neal & Cooney, this being the first large fare the new firm has bought since opening a few weeks ago. Haddock brought \$3 for new and \$2.25 for old.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Catherine Burke, Bonne Bay, N. F., 1350 bbls., salt herring, 150 bbls. pickled herring (took cargo to Boston).

Sch. Senator Gardner, Bonne Bay, N. F., 1350 bbls. salt herring, 100 bbls. pickled herring.

Sch. Alice R. Lawson, Bonne Bay, N. F., 1300 bbls. salt herring, 150 bbls. pickled herring.

Steamer Quoddy, shore, two trips, 1800 lbs. and 4500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Western Bank, 65,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Rob Roy, via Boston, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.

Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.

Sch. Emerald, shore.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, shore.

Sch. Leo, shore.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, shore.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.

Sch. Matiana, shore.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Agnes, which put in at Shelburne, N. S., a few days ago, had 3000 pounds of salt fish, and had to go in to have part of her deck caulked.

Schs. Lena and Maud and Blanche sailed from Canso, N. S., Thursday.

Sch. Grayling was at Liverpool, N. S., Thursday.

Schs. Edmund F. Black, Eva and Mildred and Katie L. Palmer were at Portland Friday.